

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 11th January 2015

Silent Key – Dolores EI6EPB

The death has occurred on Sunday 4th January 2015 of Dolores O'Byrne EI6EPB, suddenly at home in Skerries, Co Dublin. Dolores was active in the late 80s and early 90s. She will be remembered by those who travelled with the DATA group to the West Coast USA in 1989 and also those who participated in Fingal Radio Club's Fox Hunts in north County Dublin in the late 1980's.

Dolores will be sadly missed by her brother Charlie EI2EM, her sister in law Mary EI2FT, Denise EI3DZB, John EI2FEB, family and friends.

To her husband Larry, sons Laurence and Andrew we extend sincerest sympathy.

May she Rest In Peace.

Bríd Donelan RIP

The many friends of Seán Donelan EI4GK will be very sorry to hear of the death of his wife Bríd. Bríd died on Thursday last after a short illness. The funeral will take place after 1130am Mass on Tuesday next in St. Anne's Church, Shankill, Co. Dublin to Shanganagh Cemetery. To Seán and to his sons Barry , John and Colm, her sister Margaret and to the extended family we express our sincerest sympathy.

May she Rest in Peace

IRTS AGM & Annual Rally

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will host the 83rd IRTS Dinner AGM & Radio Rally in Hotel Kilkenny, College Road, Kilkenny on 25th & 26th April 2015. Tickets for the annual dinner which will be held on the Saturday evening at 7:00 pm are now available from John Ronan EI7IG. Tickets are priced at €35 each. Admission to the dinner is by ticket only. www.irts.ie/rallies

Phoenix Amateur Radio Club

The first 2015 rally is the annual Phoenix Amateur Radio Club rally, which takes places as usual in the Coolmine Community School, near Blanchardstown Shopping Centre, on Sunday 15th February.

IRTS 80metres Contest

A reminder that the closing date for the submission of logs for the 80metres Contest is 15th January. Email contestmanager/at/irts/dot/ie

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The January meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford on Monday night the 26th of January at 8.00 p.m. New members and anyone interested in learning more about amateur radio are very welcome to attend.

Check out www.searg.com or follow SEARG on facebook or on twitter.

Fingal Radio Club

As already mentioned in last weeks' news EI2FRC and EI2HD started a call in on 145.525MHz, Wednesday 7th January 2014. 5 stations called in. To these stations we are very grateful and hopefully we can build on this. It only takes a few short minutes to call in, let us know you are there, and if you want to stay and join the conversations you are more than welcome. This is a chance to get a bit of a fire under 2M and get it back like it used to be some years ago. Remember if you don't use it you might possibly loose it! With that in mind we earnestly ask you to support this initiative. Remember the call in frequency is 145.525MHz.

Limerick Radio Club.

The January meeting of Limerick Radio Club will take place next Wednesday evening 14th January, 19.30 in LIT and new members are welcome to attend. Club subs are due and will be collected on the night.

Limerick Radio Club Rally – Date Change 29th March 2014

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Radisson Hotel Limerick cannot accommodate the original date planned for our rally. The new date is now Sunday 29th March 2015.

DX News

Tom KC0W will be in Haiti signing HH5/KC0W from 12 January – 3 February. This is a CW only expedition on 160, 80 and 40m. QSLs go directly to his home callsign.

The famous dxpeditioner Zorro, JH1AJT, who activated Eritrea a couple of months ago as E30FB, will be active as KH8Z from Tutuila Island (IOTA OC-045) American Samoa between 12th and 19th January, after a business trip to KH6 Hawaii. His activity will be mainly SSB on the 10 metre to 40 metre bands, using 600 watts and verticals. It will be a holiday-style operation. QSL via JH1AJT direct or JA Buro.

A group of 4 UK operators will operate as C5X from Gambia from 15 – 26 January. They will be on all bands 160 – 10m on CW, SSB and digital. QSL manager is M0OXO.

The Rockall DX Group travel to Iran to put Kish Island (IOTA AS-166) on the air from 16 – 31 January. The callsign will be EP6T and they will have 5 high powered stations on the air. QSLs go via M0URX.

A group of Japanese operators will be active as XR0YJ from Easter Island between January 9th and 16th. They will be QRV on 80m to 6m, and possibly also on 160 metres. They will use CW, SSB and digital modes.

Logbook of the World

ARRL Logbook of the World users will be pleased to hear that the following DX stations have uploaded recently: C6AWU Bahamas, C5YK The Gambia, 4L5O Georgia and OD5ZZ Lebanon.

Shannon Basin Radio Club

The Shannon Basin Radio Club will be holding its AGM in Hannons Hotel Roscommon on Friday 16th January at 20:30. As there is a full agenda, all members are requested to attend and anyone wishing to join the club is very welcome. For further information please see shannonbasinradioclub.com or contact Brian EI8IU on 0861057325.

New Wireless Charging Organisation

The Alliance for Wireless Power and the Power Matters Alliance have signed an agreement to form a single organisation to represent all the members of the two groups. The name of the new organisation has not yet been chosen according to the BBC.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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